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their bearing upon the development of the kingdom of God, and that all the institutions of the older dispensation contain the kernel of the future. To discern the significance for the future one must have the tuition of the Spirit and large exercise in the study of the New Testament, and in this way secure what Beck calls the *pneumatic* interpretation. Into the details of his positions we must not enter. The lengths to which his theory leads him may be seen from his interpretation of Mic. 4: 2 and of Mic. 5: 5, the fulfilments of which he finds in the life of Christ and his church at the cost of giving to Assyria the meaning of "powers opposed to the kingdom of God," and leaving no room for the historic nations or for the grand ideals of Israelitish influence which most interpreters find in these prophecies.—CHARLES RUFUS BROWN.

*Das Buch der Sprüche Salomons*, mit erläuternden Anmerkungen, von P. Bernhard Schmid (Regensburg: Nationale Verlagsanstalt, 1899; pp. iv + 157; M. 2.80), is a modern representative of the commentaries of a century ago. All scientific, exegetical methods and results are avowedly and strenuously excluded. The author is apparently unfamiliar with the Hebrew language, and follows the church fathers almost entirely in his interpretations. The value of the work, even for the general student, is exceedingly questionable, while the evil of inculcating doctrines long since abandoned is great.—C. F. KENT.

*Vergleichende Studien zur Stellung der Frau im Altertum*. Bd. I: Die Frau im Talmud. Von Dr. N. Klugmann. (Wien: Moriz Waizner & Sohn, 1898; pp. 87; M. 2.) In this little volume the author has brought together a most interesting mass of material from the Talmud concerning women, chiefly under the heads of "Childhood," "Instruction," "Marriage;" the latter naturally being by far the most fully treated. A somewhat curious chapter also contains a large number of opinions passed by the rabbis upon women. The volume not only contains information of much archæological importance, but throws considerable light upon the gospels. In this connection it is especially interesting to note the difference between the marriage customs of Judea and Galilee.—SHAILER MATHEWS.

*La Secte des Esséniens*. Essai critique sur son organization, sa doctrine, son origine. Par l'Abbé A. Regeffe. (Lyon: Emmanuel